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Subject: Delegation of Combat Badges Disapproval Authority

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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95

B. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, Changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge and the Establishment of the Combat Action Badge, date 3 Jun 05.

C. DMS Message, SUBJ: Delegation of Combat Action Badge (CAB) Approval Authority, dated 28 Jun 05.

1. The purpose of this message is to announce the delegation of combat badges disapproval authority.

2. Effective the date of this message, Brigadier General (BG) and Colonel (COL) commanders in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) combat theater, as defined by Ref D, are authorized disapproval authority for combat badges, for personnel under their command. Disapproval delegation for commanders in the GWOT combat theater will terminate upon redeployment of the command or 180 days after completion of combat operations.

3. Additionally, disapproval authority for retroactive awards of the Combat Action Badge has been delegated to BG and COL commanders, for U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to their command. Disapproval delegation for retroactive awards of the CAB is effective immediately and will automatically terminate on 29 June 2006.

4. The criteria and processing procedures for the combat badges remain as stated in REF B and C.

5. If you have any questions, please contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil or at DSN 221-8700 or commercial (703) 325-8700. Future updates can be found on the Military Awards Branch website, <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/index.htm>